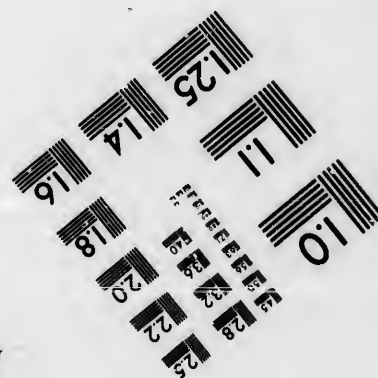
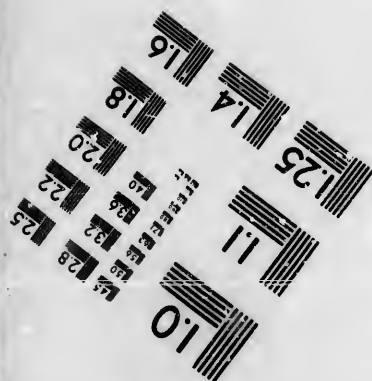
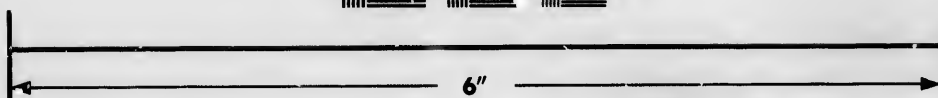
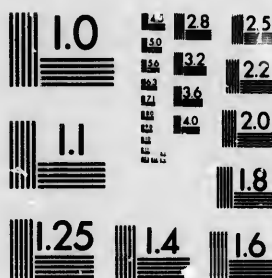


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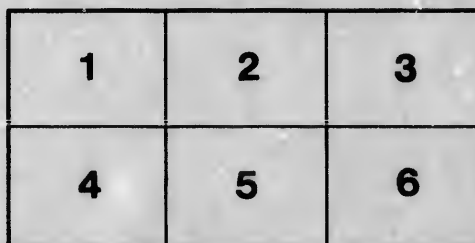
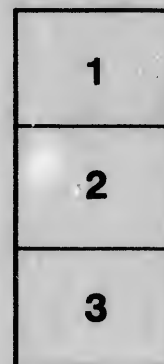
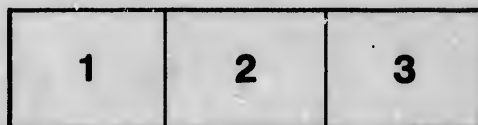
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# CONSTITUTION

For the Government of the

GRAND LEGION OF ONTARIO

## Select Knights

OF THE A. O. U. W.

— AND —

## SUBORDINATE LEGIONS

UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

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ADOPTED May 24th, 1883, AMENDED May 20th 1884 and  
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Grand Legion Instituted May 24th 1883.

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# GRAND LEGION CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1.—This body shall be known as the Grand Legion of the Select Knights of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Province of Ontario, and shall be and is formed by virtue of the sovereign will of the Select Knights composing this body, as hereafter expressed in this Constitution, and shall exist subordinate only to the Supreme Legion.

SECTION 2.—This Grand Legion has jurisdiction of Select Knights of the A. O. U. W. within the Province of Ontario, and is the governing tribunal of all the Subordinate Legions therein, with full power to institute Subordinate Legions in the Province of Ontario. It possesses the sole right and power, in the manner hereinafter provided, to grant Charters, as prescribed by the Supreme Legion, or to suspend, or reclaim the same for proper cause, to hear and decide all appeals from Subordinate Legions and members, to originate and regulate means for its own support, and to do all other acts necessary to promote the interests of the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W., subject to an appeal to the Supreme Legion.

### SEAL.

SECTION 3.—This Grand Legion shall have a seal, and all its official documents to have valid force, shall be executed with the seal impressed thereon.



## ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1.—The Grand Legion shall hold an Annual Session on the third Tuesday in May of each year, at 10 o'clock a.m., and shall continue to meet from day to day consecutively (Sundays excepted) until the business before it shall be disposed of. The place of meeting shall be fixed as a majority of the Grand Legion shall, by ballot, determine at the previous session. Special sessions may be called by the Grand Commander when requested to do so by a majority of all Legions in this jurisdiction, but no other business shall be transacted except the business mentioned in the call. Such special sessions shall be held at the place where the last annual session shall have been held.

SECTION 2.—At the Annual Session the Grand Officers shall make a report of their official acts, and the state of the finances shall be examined, and such disposition be made in relation thereto as shall be necessary.

SECTION 3.—The business of the Grand Legion shall be transacted by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Standing Committees of Grand Legion, Sup. Legion Reps., Representatives, and such Sitting Commanders from Subordinate Legions as are Past Commanders. All Select Knights in good standing may be present at the sessions of this body, but none except those who are entitled to transact the business of this body shall speak or vote.

SECTION 4.—Each Subordinate Legion in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be entitled to one representative to the Grand Legion, said representative to be a member of the Legion he represents and a Past Commander.

SECTION 5.—Subordinate Legions shall elect at the time of the annual election of officers as many alternate representatives as they are entitled to regular representatives. The alternate representatives must be Past Commanders in good standing in the Legion to be represented, and are only to act in case the regular representatives are unable to attend. Each representative and alternate so elected must be furnished with a certificate of his good standing and election, a copy of which must be forwarded to the Grand Recorder at least 30 days prior to the session of the Grand Legion; such certificate



must be presented at each Grand Legion session. Mileage and per diem shall be paid only to Representatives, Officers and Members of Committees.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—The Officers of this body shall be as follows :

Grand Commander,  
Grand Vice-Commander,  
Grand Lieutenant-Commander,  
Grand Recorder,  
Grand Treasurer,  
Grand Standard Bearer,  
Grand Senior Workman,  
Grand Junior Workman,  
Grand Guard,  
Grand Medical Examiner,  
Grand Trustees,  
Grand Marshal, Appointive.

} Elective.

SECTION 2.—Should vacancies occur, by death, resignation or otherwise, during recess or an adjournment, the Grand Commander shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next session of the Grand Legion.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### REVENUE AND RETURNS.

SECTION 1.—Each Subordinate Legion shall pay to the Grand Legion semi-annually, as a *per capita* tax the sum of (50) fifty cents for each Select Knight in good standing, which sum shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder in July and January, together with a report of the membership.

SECTION 2.—Any Legion which shall fail or refuse to pay the *per capita* tax, mentioned in Section 1 of this Article, on or before the 30th day of July and January, may, after having been notified by the Grand Recorder, be suspended; and if such *per capita* tax is not paid within sixty days after such notice to the Recorder and Commander, then the Charter of such Legion, upon order of the Grand Commander, may be revoked.

## ARTICLE V.

### QUORUM AND VOTING.

SECTION 1.—The Representatives of a majority of the Legions in this jurisdiction shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2.—A majority of the legal votes of the Select Knights present entitled to vote shall decide all questions, excepting amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, appropriation of money, suspension of a Legion, or the removal of a Grand Officer, each of which shall require a two-thirds vote of the Select Knights present entitled to vote.

SECTION 3.—All elections shall be by written ballot. Two tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer, and it shall be their duty to receive and count the votes cast and to see that none vote except those who are legally entitled to do so, and to report to the presiding officer the result of the ballot. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, in case there be no choice, shall be dropped until one shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

SECTION 4.—Any Past Commander in good standing in any Legion in this jurisdiction shall be eligible to any position in connection with the Grand Legion, except Grand Commander, who must have served one term in some elective office of this body.

SECTION 6.—All questions and votes of the Grand Legion, not otherwise provided for, shall be decided by the majority of legal votes cast. The yeas and nays shall be ordered when the Grand Legion shall by a one-third vote thereof direct.

## ARTICLE VI.

### DUTIES AND POWER OF GRAND COMMANDER.

SECTION 1.—The duties and power of the Grand Commander are as follows: To preside over the Sessions of the Grand Legion, to exercise the executive functions of that body when not in session, sign all beneficiary certificates issued to Select Knights of this Order by this Grand Legion, to cause to be executed and securely preserve the official bonds of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Trustees; to sign all orders for

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money drawn on the Grand Treasurer; to keep a watchful supervision over all Legions and see that they are properly uniformed in accordance with the laws of the Supreme Legion and this Grand Legion, and that the Constitutional Enactments are observed; to interpret the laws, rules and regulations of the Order; to grant dispensation to and cause to be organized Subordinate Legions within the jurisdiction of this Grand Body; and he shall at the annual session, or within one month thereafter, appoint Grand Deputies and Grand District Deputy Commanders, and the following Committee to serve until the close of the next session of the Grand Legion, viz.:

A Committee on Laws and their Supervision.

At the opening of each Annual Session he shall appoint the following Special Committees to serve during that session:

A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

A Committee on Credentials and Returns.

A Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Grand Commander shall, at the Annual Session, make a report of all his acts during the recess of the Grand Legion and of all decisions made by him, subject to the approval of the Grand Legion, and shall perform such other duties as shall devolve upon him by virtue of his office.

#### DUTIES OF GRAND RECORDER.

SECTION 2.—The Grand Recorder shall prepare all charters of Subordinate Legions; shall keep a true and just record of all the proceedings of the Grand Legion; shall transmit to each Subordinate Legion three printed copies thereof; he shall preserve the archives, have charge of the seal, books, papers and other property of the Grand Legion, and shall deliver the same to his successor at the expiration of his term of office; he shall officially notify Subordinate Legions of all meetings of the Grand Legion, carry on necessary correspondence of the Grand Legion; keep a record and report annually to the Grand Legion information of all rejected candidates, suspended or expelled members; keep a register of the names of members and representatives to the Grand Legion, and of the officers of each Subordinate Legion; draw all orders upon the Grand Treasurer, besides all other

official papers and documents; he shall report in writing at all regular sessions, and whenever required to do so by the Grand Legion; shall keep a record of all securities received by him from the Trustees or otherwise; he shall deliver the books to the Finance Committee whenever they may demand: he shall perform such duties in reference to the beneficiary as is prescribed in the Article on Beneficiary, and shall give a bond of not less than \$500—said bond to be either in a good guarantee company at the expense of the Grand Legion, or with two or more good and sufficient sureties double the amount of \$500; he shall receive from Subordinate Legions all beneficiary moneys, *per capita* tax and funds belonging to the Grand Legion and immediately pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, and shall perform such other duties as are by the Laws and Regulations of the Order made and provided; he shall notify Legions of the appointment of Deputy and District Deputy Commanders, and notify the said Deputy and District Deputy Commanders of their appointment. In making his annual report he shall make a statement of the amounts paid by Subordinate Legions for beneficiary, charter fees, supplies, *per capita* tax, and the amounts owing or overpaid by them, and shall furnish an itemized statement of all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and he shall receive such sum for the faithful performance of his duties as the Grand Legion may determine, payable quarterly.

#### DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER.

**SECTION 3.**—The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Recorder all moneys received by the latter for the use of the Grand Legion; shall give his receipt therefor and keep an accurate account of the same; pay such orders as may be legally drawn upon him by the Grand Recorder and signed by the Grand Commander; keep a separate account of the General and Beneficiary Fund coming into his hands, and from whom the same is received and to whom the same is paid; give proper security to the Grand Commander for the use and benefit of the Grand Legion for the faithful performance of his duties of Grand Treasurer in the sum of not less than \$1000—at the discretion of the Grand Commander or Grand Legion; shall receive such compensation for his

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**SECTION 4.**—The other Grand Officers shall perform such duties as are enjoined by virtue of their several offices.

#### DUTIES OF GRAND DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

**SECTION 5.**—At each Annual Session, or within one month thereafter, the Grand Commander shall appoint Grand Deputies and District Deputies. It is the duty of the Grand Deputy to institute new Legions in his District, but before instituting a Legion he shall every time ask and receive the permission of the Grand Commander to that effect. The District Deputy shall see that the ritualistic work is properly and uniformly performed, and in the absence of the Grand Commander he may grant dispensations for the conferring of more than one degree in one and the same evening on a candidate, and such other dispensations as may be within the jurisdiction of his office, charging the sum of fifty cents for each dispensation, which amount is to be forwarded monthly to the Grand Recorder.

**SECTION 6.**—Each District Deputy and Grand Deputy shall, on or before the 5th day of each month, report all work done for the preceding month; further, it shall be the duty of each Grand Deputy, upon the organization of a new Legion, to report the same at once to the Grand Commander, and transmit with such report the application for Charter; and it shall also be the duty of such Grand Deputy at the time of making the report to the Grand Commander to transmit to the Grand Recorder the fee for the Charter and supplies for such new Legion.

#### BONDS.

**SECTION 7.**—The Bonds shall be given to the Grand Commander, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

**ARTICLE VII.****TRUSTEES.**

**SECTION 1.**—The Trustees shall have charge and general supervision of all properties of the Grand Legion, and shall make a full, complete and itemized report of all their transactions and report the same to the Grand Legion at its regular session, and shall each of them give to the Grand Commander a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of the duties as reposed in them by virtue of their office. They shall be elected for the term of three years, in such a manner that the term of office of one shall expire each year hereafter, and one Trustee shall be elected in each year hereafter, whose term of office shall be for three years.

**ARTICLE VIII.****COMMITTEES.**

**SECTION 1.**—The Committee on Laws and Supervision shall, when such subjects are presented and properly referred to them, inquire into all things relative to the laws, rules and regulations of the Order. They shall examine the By-laws of the Subordinate Legions, and reject all or any part thereof contrary to and conflicting with the Constitution, and return them to the Subordinate Legion for their correction. They shall examine the bonds of the Grand Officers and Trustees, and report their opinion thereon to the Grand Commander as to the validity of said bonds.

**SECTION 2.**—The Finance Committee, two members of which shall be elected by Grand Legion at its annual session, the third to be appointed by the Grand Commander at the same time, shall examine the accounts of the Grand Officers at each session, and when required to do so by the Grand Legion, and at such other times as they may deem best for the Order. They shall examine and pass upon all bills presented to the Grand Legion, and approve of them prior to payment thereof; shall make estimates and recommend appropriations of money for general and specific purposes; examine the bonds of the Grand Officers and Trustees and the financial standing of the sureties. No bond can be accepted until approved by this Committee.

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**SECTION 4.**—The Committee on Credentials and Returns shall carefully examine and report to this Grand Legion without delay upon the regularity of election and eligibility of the Representatives to the Grand Legion; they shall also carefully examine and report on the regularity of the reports and returns of Subordinate Legions.

**SECTION 5.**—The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall hear all appeals and grievances of Subordinate Legions or members thereof that may be referred to them by the Grand Commander of the Grand Legion.

**SECTION 6.**—Each of these Committees shall consist of three members, and shall have their actual expenses paid for attending the Grand Legion and expenses in the performance of other official acts.

**SECTION 7.**—All reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be signed by a majority of the members.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHARGES AND COMPLAINTS.

**SECTION 1.**—All charges against officers and members of the Grand Legion shall be made in writing, a copy of the same to be furnished to the accused. The same shall be made to the Grand Commander, who shall examine the facts and all evidence pertaining thereto, and then render his decision, subject to an appeal to the Grand Legion, which shall consider the same when in regular session.

## ARTICLE X.

### CHARTER AND NEW LEGIONS.

**SECTION 1.**—Not less than ten persons of the full age of 21 years, who are M. W. degree members of the A. O. U. W., and in good standing, may apply to this Grand Legion to establish a new Legion. The price for Charter and instituting a new Legion shall be fifty dollars. Each applicant



shall certify that he is in sound bodily health ; that he has a business, trade, profession or avocation by which he is able to support himself and his family, and is capable of performing military duty.

SECTION 2.—The applicants shall meet at the time and place fixed upon by the instituting officer and under the direction of the Grand Commander or his Deputy as the case may be ; shall proceed to vote by secret ballot for each applicant, except members joining by card, who shall be accepted without ballot. If two or more black balls appear against an applicant he shall be declared rejected. The following shall be the form of application :

*To the Officers and members of ——— Legion No.——*

*Having formed a favorable opinion of your organization. I hereby make application to become a member, promising, if elected, faithful obedience to all laws, rules and regulations governing the same. My age is — years. Occupation ——— Residence ———. Have never been rejected by any Legion, and am now a M. W. in good standing in ——— Lodge, No. —, A. O. U. W.*

*(Signature) ———*

*I hereby certify that ——— is a M. W. in good standing of ——— Lodge, No.——*

*———— Recorder.*

*Referred to ——— Recommended by ———*

*The above Committee reports ——— favorably upon the within application.*

## ARTICLE XI.

### BENEFICIARY ARTICLE.

SECTION 1.—This Grand Legion guarantees to each member of the beneficiary class under its jurisdiction, the payment at his death, to such person or persons as he may while living direct, to the amount of one dollar for each member in good standing in the beneficiary department, not to exceed two thousand dollars, provided, however, that should the

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said member become totally disabled for life, so as to be unable to follow his own or any other avocation, and provided said disability did not arise from any immoral conduct upon his part, then, upon satisfactory proof of such total disability, he shall be entitled to receive, or there shall be paid to his order, one-half the amount payable on a death occurring at date of said proof of total disability, the remaining half to be paid at his death if he remains a member in good standing in the beneficiary department of the Select Knights, and in good standing in every respect in his A. O. U. W. Lodge, provided that said member, while living, shall fully comply with each and every requirement of this article and with all the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand and Subordinate Legions which are now in force, or may hereafter be enacted by this Grand Legion.

SECTION 2.—Any member of the Select Knight degree in good standing in any Legion of this jurisdiction, and under 50 years of age, and upon making application in the manner and form prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Order, and presenting a medical certificate of sound bodily health from the medical examiner or examiners of his Legion (said certificate to be approved by the Grand Medical Examiner of this Grand Legion), and paying the prescribed fees, shall be entitled to a beneficiary certificate, and not otherwise.

SECTION 3.—Each member when making application to his Legion for a beneficiary certificate shall pay to its Recording Treasurer the amount of two dollars, one dollar of which shall be known as the Beneficiary Fund, and the other dollar shall be forwarded by the Recorder with the application and the approved medical certificate to the Grand Recorder, the dollar to be placed by him in the Grand Legion General Fund.

SECTION 4.—The Grand Legion shall issue, or cause to be issued, all beneficiary certificates to members under its jurisdiction, which certificates shall set forth the amount to be paid at the death or disability of the member to whom said certificate has been issued, and shall set forth the conditions governing claims for total disability, and shall be signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder, with the seal of the Grand Legion attested thereon.

Upon receiving application for a beneficiary certificate, in the form prescribed by the Order, the Grand Recorder shall immediately issue and forward the certificate to the Subordinate Legion, where it shall be countersigned by the Commander and attested by the Recorder with the seal of the Subordinate Legion attached.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a separate and distinct account with each Legion in his jurisdiction, showing a full register of each beneficiary certificate issued and to whom in said Legion; and from the monthly reports of Subordinate Legions he shall keep a complete record of the standing of each beneficiary certificate issued. Each Subordinate Legion shall, on the last day of each month, make a full and true report to the Grand Recorder of all beneficiary certificates countersigned, suspended, withdrawn, renewed or annulled during that month.

SECTION 5.—Upon the death or total disability of a member lawfully entitled to participate in the Beneficiary Fund, it shall be the duty of the Subordinate Legion of which he is, or was a member, to notify officially, by prescribed form, the Grand Recorder, who shall on the 15th day of the following month notify each Subordinate Legion in his jurisdiction of the same; the said notice shall be in duplicate, one to be mailed to the Recorder and one to the Recording Treasurer.

Each Subordinate Legion shall, on the first day of the month after receipt of notice from the Grand Recorder, forward to the Grand Recorder the amount of one dollar for each valid certificate held by members of each Subordinate Legion, if the assessment notice be on the death of a member, but only fifty cents for each valid certificate if the assessment be on the total disability of a member, provided that no certificate shall be assessable on any death or disability that occurred previous to the issuing of said certificate by the Grand Recorder. Each Subordinate Legion shall also on the first day of each month forward to the Grand Recorder all moneys that have been received during the previous month for renewal of certificates. No draft shall be made by the Grand Recorder on the Subordinate Legions until there is less than the amount required to adjust losses in the Beneficiary Fund of the Grand Legion.

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SECTION 6.—On the first day of each month following the receipt of an assessment notice from the Grand Recorder, the Recording Treasurers of Subordinate Legions shall mail written or printed notices of said assessment, bearing date of the first day of the month, to each member holding a beneficiary certificate, and any member failing or neglecting to pay said assessment on or before the last day of same month, the certificate held by such member shall stand suspended, and the Recording Treasurer shall immediately notify the Recorder in writing of all beneficiary certificates so suspended, and the Recorder shall enter the same on his register and report the same at the first meeting of the Legion thereafter, when said report shall be entered on the minutes of that session. Should two or more notices of assessments on deaths of members be received at any one time, the Subordinate Legion shall forward the beneficiary fund as herein before provided, which amount shall pay one notice, and on the first day of the next following month it shall forward to the Grand Recorder one dollar for each valid certificate held at that time, under its jurisdiction, for each remaining notice. Should the assessments be on total disability, one-half the above amount shall be forwarded in the same manner.

Any Legion failing or declining to make returns as above, as to insure their receipt by the Grand Recorder not later than the 7th of each month, shall again be notified by the Grand Recorder by registered letter; and should such returns fail to be made within ten days from the date of second notice, all certificates under the jurisdiction of said Subordinate Legion shall stand suspended until said returns are made, and no new certificates shall be issued to said Legion while such default continues.

SECTION 7.—Any member who forfeits his beneficiary certificate by reason of non-payment of assessments thereon, or not keeping up in good standing in the A. O. U. W. League, may, if living, renew the same at any time within six months of the date of said forfeiture by paying all assessments that have been made during that time, and in addition thereto a fine of 25 cents on each of said assessments arrears; the amount received from the fines shall be placed in the General Fund of the Subordinate Legion.

**SECTION 8.**—Any member in arrears for beneficiary assessments for a term exceeding three months, must again be examined by the Medical Examiner of the Legion, whose report shall be in a manner and form as prescribed by the Grand Legion. Should the report be unfavorable, the certificate shall not be renewed; but if the report be favorable, the certificate may be renewed on payment of all assessments on which the said certificate is in arrears, and in addition thereto a fine of 25 cents on each of said assessments in arrears, provided that, by a majority vote, the Legion consents to the renewal of said beneficiary certificate.

If the application for renewal be approved by the Legion, the Medical Examiner's report, together with notice of renewal, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder.

**SECTION 9.**—The beneficiary certificates of any members in arrears for assessments for the period of six months shall be null and void, and shall be so reported to the Grand Recorder, and no renewal of the same shall ever be allowed if the member has reached the age of 60 years.

**SECTION 10.**—Any member under 60 years of age, whose certificate has been annulled, as provided in Section 9 of this Article, may apply to have the same renewed; and on complying with Section 8 of this Article, and the approval of the Grand Commander attested by the Grand Recorder, said certificate may be renewed; provided, however, that in no case shall an applicant be required to pay more than eight dollars beneficiary and two dollars fines for renewal of certificate.

**SECTION 11.**—Any member suspended or expelled from the A. O. U. W. or S. K. A. O. U. W. for any cause whatever, forfeits all claims on the beneficiary fund of the S. K. A. O. U. W. during said suspension or expulsion.

**SECTION 12.**—The Recording Treasurer of each Subordinate Legion shall pay over to the Treasurer all beneficiary funds, taking his receipt therefor, which moneys shall be held by the Treasurer, subject to the order of the Grand Recorder, under the seal of the Grand Legion.

The Beneficiary Fund shall be kept separate from all other funds, and no part thereof shall be used for any purpose, except to pay losses and liabilities made and created by beneficiary certificates.

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**SECTION 13.**—Any member holding a certificate desiring at any time to make a new direction as to its payment, may do so by authorizing such change in writing on the back of his certificate in the form prescribed by the Grand Legion and attested by the Recorder with the seal of the Subordinate Legion, and on payment of fifty cents, which shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder and placed in the general fund of the Grand Legion; provided, however, that no change of direction shall be valid or have any binding force or effect, until such change shall have been reported to the Grand Recorder and the old certificate filed with him, if practicable, and a new certificate issued.

**SECTION 14.**—No member shall receive a final withdrawal card from the Order until he has returned and cancelled the beneficiary certificate issued to him, or filed a sworn statement of its loss or his inability to produce it.

**SECTION 15.**—The Grand Recorder shall adjust and promptly pay all losses occurring under beneficiary certificates issued by the Grand Legion, taking the receipts of the persons to whom the money was paid.

All losses shall be paid within sixty days after sufficient proof of death or total disability has been filed with the Grand Recorder, who shall publish, or cause to be published, and send one copy to each Subordinate Legion in his jurisdiction, a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Beneficiary Fund in the Grand Legion at least once in each month, showing the balance of said fund on hand at the date of such statement, the correctness of which shall be attested by the Committee on Finance of the Grand Legion.

**SECTION 16.**—The Recorder of each Subordinate Legion shall enter each and every beneficiary certificate in a register furnished by the Grand Legion for that purpose, and shall keep an accurate account with the Grand Legion.

#### **ARTICLE XII.**

**SECTION 1.**—**GRAND MEDICAL EXAMINER.**—At each regular session of this Grand Legion there shall be elected by the Grand Legion a Grand Medical Examiner, who shall be a skilled, legally qualified and reputable practicing physician, a member of the Order, and a graduate of some reputable school of medicine.



**SECTION 2.—DUTIES OF SAME.**—It shall be the duty of the Grand Medical Examiner to promptly examine and pass upon every certificate of medical examination for membership in the Beneficiary Department, when submitted to him by a Recorder of a Subordinate Legion. If he approves of the examination, he shall return the same without delay to the said Recorder; and if he disapproves of it, he shall retain and file it, informing said Recorder of that fact. For each certificate of examination so passed upon by Grand Medical Examiner he shall receive from the Grand Legion 25 cents, payable quarterly.

**SECTION 3.**—All medical examinations of applicants for membership in the Beneficiary Department shall be made by respectable and legally qualified practicing physicians, graduates of some reputable school of medicine, and no other—which facts shall be made to appear by credential certificate, to be made and signed by two other reputable, practicing and legally qualified physicians of the same locality, and also by the Commander and Recorder under seal of the Legion (or, in case of a new Legion, by the instituting officer). Subordinate Legions may choose one or more physicians to examine applicants, but such examiners shall in all respects be governed by the requirements of this Article, and all examiners shall, as far as practicable, be members of the Select Knights. The Grand Recorder shall furnish a blank form of such credential certificate and keep a record of all that are filed in his office. No examination shall be approved by the Grand Medical Examiner except it be made on a blank form furnished by the Grand Recorder of this jurisdiction by a physician who has complied with the requirements of this section.

**SECTION 4.—EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE.—HOW FORWARDED**—Every certificate of medical examination for membership in the Beneficiary Department shall, as soon as approved and signed by the proper Legion Committee or instituting officer, be forwarded by the Recorder to the Grand Medical Examiner, who shall return the same, if approved by him, to the Recorder who sent it to him; said Recorder shall then forward the approved examination certificate with the prescribed fee of \$1 to the Grand Recorder, who will issue the beneficiary certificate.

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### ARTICLE XIII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular session of the Grand Legion, but of such proposed amendment notice must be given to the Grand Recorder at least four weeks before the regular Session of the Grand Legion.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of Grand Legion in due form and filling vacancies.
  2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Returns, Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
  3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
  4. Passing upon the minutes of the last or intervening Session.
  5. Reports of Officers.
  6. Reports of Standing Committees.
  7. Reports of Deputies and District Deputies.
  8. Petitions, Communications, Appeals and Financial Accounts shall be presented.
  9. Consideration of Amendments proposed to Grand Legion and Subordinate Legion Constitution.
  10. Unfinished Business.
  11. New Business.
  12. Reports of Special Committees and Committees for the Session.
  13. The Election of Grand Officers and their Installation.
  14. Miscellaneous Business.
- The minutes must be read each day.  
This order of business may be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote.

# CONSTITUTION:

Governing all Subordinate Legions Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Legion of Ontario of the Select Knights of A. O. U. W.

## ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1.—This Legion shall be known as . . . . .  
Legion No. . . of the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W., and shall consist of not less than ten members, and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Legion of Ontario.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1.—No person shall be admitted into membership in this Legion except Master Workmen in good standing in Subordinate Lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the full age of 21 years, competent to earn a living for themselves and families. Each application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, stating his age, occupation, residence, and that he is a M. W. degree member in good standing in all respects of a Subordinate Lodge of the A. O. U. W., and recommended by two Select Knights of the Legion in good standing. The application shall be accompanied with a sum of not less than three dollars. The application shall be read at a regular meeting and referred to a committee of three, who shall report as to the fitness of the candidate at the next regular meeting or at the same, under dispensation; whereupon the candidate shall be balloted for, and if there shall appear two or more black balls, the applicant shall be declared rejected, and no other balloting shall take place for the same candi-

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date for the space of six months thereafter; and should an applicant be rejected, the proposition fee shall be returned. If the candidate be accepted and fail to present himself within three months, unless prevented by sickness of himself or family, his proposition fee shall be forfeited; by a dispensation from the Grand Commander or his Deputy, the application may be received and candidate initiated at the same meeting.

SECTION 2.—RE-BALLOTING.—If in balloting for a member there should appear two or more black balls, and there is good reason to suppose a mistake has been made, another ballot may be taken on the vote of the Legion, provided it is done immediately after the first and before any member has left the Legion room.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

SECTION 1.—The regular meetings of this Legion shall be held at least once a month, and this Legion shall also meet at the discretion of the Commander for drilling purposes. The regular meetings of this Legion shall not be changed without the permission of the Grand Commander.

SECTION 2.—Seven Select Knights shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be transacted by a less number.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1.—The Officers shall be :

Commander,  
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Recorder,  
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Standard Bearer,  
Senior Workman,  
Junior Workman,  
Marshal,  
Guard of the Legion.

The retiring Commander shall take the chair of the Past Commander, except at the institution of a new Legion, when the Past Commander shall be elected.

SECTION 2.—The election of officers shall be held annually at the last meeting in December, and shall be by written ballot, subject to such rules as this Subordinate Legion may adopt.

**SECTION 3.**—The Commander shall preside at all meetings; have command of the Legion upon drill or parade, or appoint a suitable person to do so; sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer; be the custodian of the official bonds of the Officers and Trustees and make all appointments; be the judge of election; decide all questions and points of order, subject to an appeal to the Legion; shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the vote cast; he shall see that the rules and regulations of the Order are enforced; he shall have power to issue orders for parade drill or meeting, which orders must be obeyed by the Select Knights, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstances, and shall perform such other duties as devolve upon him by virtue of his office.

SECTION 4.—The Vice-Commander shall assist and aid the Commander in the performance of his duties and in the absence of the Commander shall take command or preside in his place, or appoint some one suitable for that purpose, and perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon him by the laws of the Legion.

SECTION 5.—The Lieutenant-Commander shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties; preside and command in absence of the Commander and Vice Commander, and perform such other duties as may devolve upon him by virtue of his office.

SECTION 6.—The Recorder shall keep the records of the Legion; be the custodian of all the books and record documents of the Legion; carry on official correspondence; attest all orders and official instruments; make reports to the Grand Legion; notify the Grand Recorder of rejection of candidates and suspension and reinstatements of members; notify all applicants who have been elected to membership; and perform such other duties as are enjoined upon him by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order.

**SECTION 7.**—The Recording Treasurer shall keep a full and correct account between the Legion and its members; receive all moneys for the Legion and pay the same to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting, and take his receipt therefor; he shall notify all members in arrears to the amount of three months' dues, and shall notify the Commander of the fact; he shall report to the Commander all members in arrears for beneficiary, and at the time of election a list of the members of the Legion in good standing, also those not entitled to vote; he shall make out the semi-annual return of the finances of the Legion; make out and report the semi-annual tax, and keep a separate and distinct account between the General and Beneficiary Fund, which shall be receipted for separately; and shall perform such other duties as are required by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order; and shall give bonds, to be approved by the Legion, in such amount as the Legion may direct.

**SECTION 8.**—The Treasurer shall receive from the Recording Treasurer all moneys received by him and give his receipt therefor; he shall keep a separate account of the General and Beneficiary Funds; shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Commander, attested by the Recorder, and keep a correct account of all moneys received and paid out by him; and at the expiration of his term of office, deliver all moneys, books, vouchers and all other property belonging to the Legion; and before entering upon his duties shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties with good and approved securities, in such an amount as the Legion may direct.

**SECTION 9.**—The Past Commander shall assist in the initiation and have charge of the religious exercises of the Legion.

**SECTION 10.**—The Standard Bearer shall have charge of the banner, standard and colors of the Legion, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

**SECTION 11.**—The Senior Workman shall have charge of the inner door, and will perform such other duties as the laws, rules and regulations of the Legion require.

**SECTION 12.**—The Junior Workman shall perform such duties as are required of him by virtue of his office.

SECTION 13.—The Marshal shall be the military instructor of the Legion; shall have charge of all parades, subject to the orders of the Commander; he shall promulgate all military orders issued by said Commander; shall serve all summonses and shall perform such other duties in this connection as may be designated from time to time by the Commander.

SECTION 14.—Three Trustees shall be elected at the institution of this Legion, or within one month thereafter, in such a manner that the term of office of one shall expire at the next annual election of officers of this Legion, one, one year from that time, and one two years from that time. After the institution, one Trustee shall be elected at each annual election for the term of three years. The Trustees shall have the general supervision of the property of the Legion.

SECTION 15.—All official bonds shall be made to the Commander for the use and benefit of the Legion and be approved by the Legion.

SECTION 16.—This Legion shall, at the annual election, elect representatives, regular and alternate, to the Grand Legion, as provided for by the Grand Legion constitution. The Commander shall be the honorary representative to the Grand Legion, provided he be a Past Commander.

## ARTICLE V.

### DEGREES, DUES AND GOOD STANDING.

SECTION 1.—There shall be two degrees, known and styled the Minor Degree and the Select Knight Degree. The price of initiation shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00), three dollars (\$3.00) to accompany the application and two dollars (\$2.00) to be paid before receiving the Minor Degree. The Select Knight Degree cannot be conferred, except under special dispensation, upon Minor Degree members until they shall be fully uniformed and own a uniform of a Select Knight, or are willing to obligate themselves that they will procure the uniform as soon as practicable, and then shall be conferred free of charge; and the Minor Degree members shall not participate in the benefits of the Beneficiary Department, and shall not be eligible to any office, trusteeship, or placed upon any committee in the gift of this Legion, and

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shall not be eligible to be a delegate to the Grand Legion. Minor Degree members shall not be entitled to a seat or allowed in the room while the Legion is working in the Select Knight Degree. The Select Knights shall appear at all meetings in full uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Commander.

SECTION 2.—The annual dues shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00) per year, payable quarterly or half-yearly.

SECTION 3.—Any Select Knight in arrears more than thirty (30) days in the payment of a beneficiary assessment after the date thereof, shall be and is suspended from all rights and privileges of the beneficiary department, unless the Legion shall by a two-thirds vote thereof elect to pay the said arrearages.

SECTION 4.—Any member in arrears in the payment of dues for the space of three months shall be suspended, and all privileges and benefits derived thereby denied; and any member who shall be in arrears in the payment of dues in this Legion one year shall be expelled, unless this Legion shall by a vote elect to pay the same.

SECTION 5.—Any member who has been suspended from the beneficiary department over three months and not expelled, may be reinstated by presenting the certificate of the physician of the Legion as to his sound bodily health, said certificate first to be approved by the Grand Medical Examiner, and by the payment of all fines and arrearages from suspension to reinstatement, if the Legion shall by a majority vote elect to reinstate said member. No member who has been expelled can again become a member, except by application and initiation, as prescribed by Article 2 of this Constitution.

SECTION 6.—The Minor Degree members shall pay the same dues as are paid by the Select Knight Degree members.

SECTION 7.—Any member guilty of any crime, indictable offence, treason or participation in any riot, revolt or rebellion against his country or the people, shall be expelled from the Order, and can never again be received into membership.

SECTION 8.—Any member guilty of slander against any other member, or his family, or using any abusive language in the Legion room to the officers and members, or violating



his obligation, or guilty of any misconduct, shall, upon conviction, be expelled or suspended from the Order; as this Legion by a majority vote shall direct.

SECTION 9.—All complaints and grievances made against the members shall be disposed of as the Legion in its judgment deems best; subject, however, to an appeal to the District Deputy Grand Commander of the District, and from his decision to the Grand Legion. All appeals to the District Deputy or Grand Legion must be accompanied with a copy of all records, documents and decisions in reference thereto, and attested by the Recorder and under the seal of the Legion.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—The Commander, Vice-Commander and Lieut.-Commander shall constitute the Relief Committee, of which the Commander shall be chairman. It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit the sick and disabled members and to report to the Legion. Each member shall be subject to the orders of the Commander in attending the sick or disabled members.

SECTION 2.—Such other Committees may be appointed as this Legion or the Commander thereof may deem fit and proper.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### REMOVALS.

SECTION 1.—In case of death, resignation or removal of the Commander, a Commander shall immediately be elected.

SECTION 2.—If an elective or appointive officer absent himself from three successive and regular meetings of the Legion (unless through some unavoidable cause) his office shall be declared vacant by the Legion, and such vacancy shall be filled by election.

SECTION 3.—Charges against the Commander shall be made to the Grand Commander, who shall pass upon the same immediately, and if the charges be sustained, the Grand Commander may either reprimand or punish the Commander, by vacating his office.

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## ARTICLE VIII.

### VOTES.

SECTION 1.—A majority vote shall determine any question before the Legion, except the appropriation of money, which shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

## ARTICLE IX.

### FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

SECTION 1.—A Legion may be suspended or dissolved, and its Charter forfeited for improper conduct, or for refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws or enactments of the Grand Legion, or by its members diminishing to less than a quorum, and the Charter, Rituals, Working Tools and other property shall be delivered to, and shall become the property of, the Grand Legion.

## ARTICLE X.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1.—A Select Knight can withdraw from the Legion after being admitted, and can take a card from one Legion to another, as provided for by the By-laws of this Legion and the laws of the Order.

SECTION 2.—Each Subordinate Legion shall, on the first day of July and first day of January, report to the Grand Legion the number of initiations, the number of members admitted by card, suspended or expelled, the total number of membership on the first day of the month in which the report is made; and also make a report on other matters that may be important to the Grand Legion, and accompany the same with the *per capita* tax for every Minor and Select Knight Degree member, as prescribed by Grand Legion Constitution.

SECTION 3.—The *per capita* tax shall be paid by the Legion.

SECTION 4.—Each Legion shall have an official seal, which shall be affixed to all official documents and papers issued by and under the authority of the Legion; an impression of the same shall be deposited in the office of the Grand Recorder,

and shall have power to alter or break the same by consent of the G. C., and depositing the new impression as aforesaid.

**SECTION 5.**—This Constitution may be amended or altered at a regular meeting of the Grand Legion, if two-thirds of the valid votes be in favor of it, provided the same shall not be in conflict with the principles or laws of the A. O. U. W. or the Supreme Legion.

**SECTION 6.**—No person shall remain a member of any Subordinate Legion who is not in good standing in the A.O.U.W. in all respects, and the officers of each Subordinate Legion must apply quarterly or half-yearly to the Financier and Recorder of the A. O. U. W. Lodge for a certificate as to the good standing of each Comrade in his Lodge.

#### **ARTICLE XI.**

**SECTION 1.**—The emblem to be worn by the Minor Degree members in pins, badges, etc., shall be the open Bible, either separately or combined with the Anchor, Shield, or both.

**SECTION 2.**—The emblem to be worn by the Select Knight Degree members shall be the skeleton hand, either separately or combined, with the open Bible, Anchor or Shield, or both.

